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1. The amendment filed on July 9, 2004 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because as set forth in the initial restriction the separation of a component of a specimen can be practiced using a chromatographer, by an ELISA apparatus or by an RIA apparatus or by any solid support to which the affinity reagent is bound over which the specimen is incubated.

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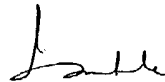
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